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POLITICAL STATEMENT ADDRESSED TO

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Your Excellencies,

I take the liberty to address this Political Statement to you in order to help His Excellency the Secretary General of the United Nations to pick up the most clear idea and interpretation from east timorese three simultaneous political bodies in pursuit of Peace,Order,Harmony and Development to which my People is entitled to enjoy after almost 500 years of estagnation,obscurantism and disrespect.

In first place I wish to recall that the United Nations Organisation was conceived.founded and developed to contribute to a solid and everlasting system of peace and harmony between all Nations of the World and not as a permanent subterfuge to allow the existence of continuous conditions to provoke unhapiness and underdevelopment of Peoples whom must decide for themselves their most wise solutions to live in peace and order to promote harmony and fight for development. Therefore,the United Nations Organisation must be the Temple of International Justice,the House of Common Understanding and the Forum of Human Dignity.

Therefore,it is not clean and correct to prejudice the role and the energies of UN authorities by keep insisting in polital formulas which in the very basis of its foundations are not aimed or sponsored by the peoples whom in fact are the sole ones interested in their own destiny.

Thus,this is the case of the People of East Timor,once again the main subject brought up before one more time to the kind attention of His Excellency the Secretary General of UNO.

For 19 years(1974/1993)the real facts pertaining to the historical Justice due to my People have been totally distorted by

the ones whom did cause pain,disaster,tears and mourning in East Timor in name of foreign revolutionary philosophies which could never be accepted as they deny the Almighty,the respect to Ancestors,the obedience to parents and the solidarity between brothers and sisters.

The way the State of Portugal behaved in 1974 in relation to the People and the Territory of East Timor can never be simply delected as an error of a typewriter machine.In fact,the State of Portugal acted in total revolutionary conspiracy to criate criminals to operate in East Timor prepared to enslave and to destroy a significant amount of innocents whom felt love,dignity and passion for historical bonds linking the People of Portugal to us.

The world public opinion today is dependent from "mass media" reports and conclusions and it is very difficult to find the true truth when such "mass media" is not investigative,independent and serious. This is the case of portuguese "mass media" with honorable exceptions materialized by some journalists who dont sell their skills,deontology and dignity to political interests governing Portugal from 1974.

If East Timor merged since 1974 in two different contradiction of ideological grounds it was because portuguese revolutionari controlling the "mass media"became agents of destabilization in Southeast Asia area,trying to extend overthere practices, conceptions,methods and goals which caused the present dramas of Angola and Mozambique.

I am quite awared that politically is not construtive to criticize the "mass media" but when this public power in fact overtook its responsibilities to cause a civil war like in East Timor,it is necessary to unmask the cruel behaviour disguised under the form of a little bird's whistle.

We were confrontated with allowing passively the sudden destruction of all our milenary and spiritual structures to serve "minor gods" or, to ask our indonesian brothers and sisters to avoid my People extermination.
At the peak of civil war provoked by the State of Portugal in 1975 not one word we heard from portuguese authorities as reply to our lancinating requests of help and protection in a particular period (August 1975)Fretilin was using portuguese Army's weaponery to kill all opposition and to seize political power.

Hence,between murders and salvation,we decided to shelter the People of East Timor under Indonesia's humanism and brotherhood as a replacing power of Portugal ~~but~~ vanished surprisingly from one day to another. The dramatic circumstances which impelled the Leaders of APODETI,KOTA,UDT and TRABALHISTA to seek help from the Government and the People of Indonesia,till today never were printed by portuguese"mass media" because its choosen and strongly sponsored party Fretilin should be preserved as the "sole and legitimate" representative of East Timor.
To testify the cynical behaviour of the so-called "first line" portuguese "mass media"in relation to what happened in East Timor it is worthly to refer that all evidence against portuguese authorities behaviour before the civil war,has been refused to be printed because the moment that could arrive to public opinion it would be entirely clear that the State of Portugal not only intended to set fire to East Timor but also to allow its use in benefit of those attempting to provoke and deteriorate the peaceful life of populations in the indonesian border.

The State of Portugal,after having commited serious offenses to the security of my People and betrayed all east timorese political opposed to Fretilin,managed to get rid of its actions by involving the United Nations in the problem in December 1975.

This situation lasts therefore for 18 years.

Before I concentrate myself in the coming Rome Summit I would like once for all to state the following.

1. East Timor can not be considered an ex-Colony of Portugal because the legal and legitimate authorities of the Territory the Liurais(the Heads of each native kingdom)never consented any delivery,rental,lending or likewise title to Portugal beyond the terms expressed in attached document referred as Act of Vassalage to Portuguese King.This document is originally reproduced from one of my cousin royal family of Lalehan, a timorese kingdom destroyed by portuguese colonialism,years after the respective Liurai paid hommage to portuguese king.

2. The State of Portugal commited abuse and was able to consider East Timor "a colony" not on the grounds of the existence of a gradual colonization action but through continuous slaughters of kingdom's populations violented by opressive terror,economic exploitation and unbearable imposition of taxes and fines.

3. The division of the island of Timor in two parts(under dutch and portuguese colonialism)was decided by illegitimate parties and never accepted by the People of Timor.Such measure carried out without the permission of the same People is to be brought up to actuallity to understand east timorese feelings in relation to Indonesian space.

4. It is not correct to discuss East Timor today's status without to conclude on what grounds,authority or power,the State of Portugal sold by "Judas coins" the Peoples of Flores,Solor, Adunara,Alor,Lomblem,etc.to dutch colonialism,including the west part of Timor island.

Therefore,it is not difficult to conclude that it is not yet cleared the real status of East Timor before the State of Portugal claims any title in the international forum over the territory of my Ancestors Peoples of the various timorese old kingdoms.

And to express with full extension what the Aboriginal Hauptling and their ethnic populations still do think about neo-claims of portuguese government on our ancestral and milenary Homeland I must say that who ignores or forget mistakes of the past can not merit the confidence of those victimized by abuse and force.

That's why the general acceptance of new brotherly conditions given by the Government of Republik Indonesia to help my People to finally re-encounter and reintegrate within the honorable indonesian space has a growing significancy to give the world in danger of new kinds of disputes the most correct example of mutual understanding between brothers of same blood roots originally coming from a common ancestral tree.

If anyone,any power,any religion or any ideology in fact wishes to help my People then let it be living protected and helped by the Harmony between East Timor and Indonesia.

It is true that independence was possibily desired in 1974/1975 by the east timorese political representations but even so the People never was consulted because the State of Portugal was not interested in such consultation.

Having Indonesia in 18 years built conditions to educate properly our youngs who feel themselves vocationed to honor and serve their ancestors land with dreamingfully energy and ability to show that the east timorese can by themselves jump over 200 year of delay and abandon caused by portuguese colonialism,I can not feed false images of romantic adventures to favour groups and individuals enjoying good material lifes on account of the name of the east timorese which can not be under control and obedience

During 16 years I noticed many timorese and non timorese moves to deny indonesian presence in East Timor.Even I conducted some peaceful actitudes to help implementation conditions to discuss a solution internationally accepted.But,unfortunatelly, the role of portuguese based groups,individuals and entities aiming to take full control and command of internal life of East Timor and provoking serious damages to east timorese spiritual unity,have determined that I should ask reconciliation and reintegration of all those living in exile with their relatives now indonesian citizens.

I always learned from our "katuas"(old men)that when our mountains are small to face indignity and offense from the ones we raised the hands to come in peace,then we must borrow from the bottom of the seas the silence to have our mountains moved to another place.

I refer now the foreseen Summit schedulled for Rome.

Mr.Secretary General and
Mr.Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia and Portugal:

Allow me to present to Your Excellencies the highest respect and hommage of the traditional aboriginal authorities of East Timor whose political representativity never was discussed by guiding the Peoples to paths of survival and welfare in presence of any type of threats and difficulties.
We are long ago motivated to protect our Peoples from political manoeuvres which can cause pain and disgust.Since the voluntary abandonment commited by portuguese central and local governments in 1975,no one can change the course of the time and restore totally our past loyal affection,love and trust we once voted to portuguese officials and their families whom acted honestly and competently towards our Peoples.The sharp angle of History is made with the re-encountered reunion with the brother People of Indonesia and with the preservation of fond memories and other feelings.

My People regard with hope,anxiety and confidence that this Rome summit will correspond to the personal commitments of His Excellencies the Secretary General of UN and the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Republik Indonesia and Republic of Portugal in the search of further steps to implement conditions to solve the question of East Timor through a solution international accepted contemplating the permanent security,survival and welfare of the People.

However,it is of great importance to consider that my People is not willing to abdicate from its Nusantarian psico-biological ancestral and milenary roots as we can not change our oriental way of thinking by adopting a cosmetic behaviour imported from other world areas wherein we dont recognize the political,moral, cultural,economic,antropologic or even criative values enough strong and ~~unquestionable~~ questionable to give up with our devoted filiation to Anoestrality,Brotherhood and Pacifism.

We have reached the era that Humankind has to respect this planet called Earth to continue to survive decently and in harmony. It is not possible to force one People to be part of another civilization by imposing the destruction of its natural roots of origin or force it to abdicate from its spiritual convictions which determine its human way of living and feeling.My People likes to meditate to accept or to refuse.I believe we have meditated enough in 500 years to be ready to say that as a People of Nusantara our hearts finally have found peace and prosperity.

Portugal itself has abdicated from its loneliness in Europe and rushed to be integrated in European Community to survive.The Portugal from a glorious,adventurous and romantic past in 5 continents will not come back to its power and prestige among the remote Peoples and areas it discovered as world changes each day.

Integrated in European Comunity,in fact and practicaly,the awakening of the coming United States of Europe,Portugal will be one of States enjoying certain autonomy but subordinated to the hymn and flag of the central political and economic power. Unless it withdraws from the EC,Portugal never again will be independent and sovereign,as well as the remaining member States adhered to the EC.

Quite soon(or probably by now)someone in command of political, economic or administrative EC structures will ask simply the secretary to dial the King of Spain or the President of Portugal not as full decisions makers but simply as local governors level. Orders,rules,directions,advices and warnings will be irradiated from Brussels(or elsewhere)to local "national"governments. Integration in EC by each adhering member State killed effective Independence of the so called european sovereign States.

Now,my question is:If the developed States of Europe can not keep their full status of Sovereign States to survive,how can East Timor fight for an independence which was boycotted by Portugal 19 years ago?In this period of time,Portugal was replaced by Indonesia not because Indonesia so decided but because Indonesia corresponded to east timorese People expectations to save and protect it from self annihilation caused by portuguese treason to abandon East Timor.

It is a fact that paralelly to the consolidation of indonesian administrative structures to promote quick development and a good education level,some east timorese opposed to Indonesian presence for several years,acting in very difficult circumstances in the bushhoods.This behaviour of my generous brothers is an ancestral phenomenon which can not be confused with light and quick evaluation to benefit international hidden covetousness for East Timor.

We have to accept that Republik Indonesia has shown gradual tolerance to let the People coexist with the complete new and advantageous systems of education and development under a local government respected by everybody,including the exiled timorese always fond of their Homeland,and the actions modelled in the hills and bushhoods by groups not prepared to understand that only through dialogue,harmony and mutual understanding it is possible to settle the hardest and difficult political problem.

In certain measure,indonesian authorities permitted since ever to be called any moment to help on reconciliation of the timorese because its traditional mood is not to be united when it is necessary.Indonesian efforts to sit all timorese in a table were made in 1983 through the efforts of east timorese Governor Mario Carrascalao and even so the results were nihil.Why? Because very few political leaders in fact care to help and protect the People and insist to become themselves the sole ones prepared to guide and command those who never were called to nominate "ad hoc"leaders.

How many east timorese self made leaders are regretful not to stop in due time opposition to indonesian presence as it has been gradually accepted by the People as the best way to free East Timor from international purposes of uncontrolled prey?Should we rennounce to a powerful help from Indonesia to promote ourselves as human beings reintegrated into the Indonesian multi diversified population wherein we are by biological nature a small part or should we sell our spiritual behaviour and mind strenght to parties which have nothing in common with us?

The People of East Timor undeservedly abandoned with premeditation by Portugal and left behind plunged in an horrible bloodbath is very disappointed with the behaviour of portuguese authorities dealing with the few hundred refugees who searched shelter and protection in Portugal.

Since the early arrival of the first groups of refugees to Portugal in 1976 our brothers and sisters were "deposited" as to say, in overcrowded rooms living 12 people sometimes in one.It was very difficult the adaptation to portuguese conditions and even the drama of our refugees was a good source of income to opportunists prosperating under the conivence with corrupt people acting under the State pretending to help properly.

For almost 12 years our refugees were "buried" in the famous Jamor valley on the outskirts of West Lisbon in very unbearable circumstances which caused the public censor of "mass media" and involved serious criticism of international nature.In this valley,where nasty sewage were running in summer and winter under open sky hepatitis conditions raised to provoke a national portuguese alarm. Mud,cold,loneliness,abandonement,disintegration in portuguese comunity everything had a target desired:to emmigrate to Australia to rebuild a new life of dignity,self respect and peace in heart. Our refugees were treated by the Government of Portugal as beggers dangerous pilgrims and in various cases as undesirables.

It is very sad the"payroll" of ungratitude for east timorese love for Portugal contributed by the Government of Portugal.
However,I should call the attention of Mr.Barroso for two or three cases that I hereby dennounce to His Excelency the Secretary General of the United Nations:

Case 1 - Our Bishop Dom Martinho da Costa Lopes died in starvation which puts to us a complete repulse for any intention of portuguese government on timorese human rights defense.

Case 2 - Our brother Luciano was cold blood shot in Setubal before witnesses and the portuguese government till today has not yet informed timorese community representatives about the measures to punish the killer.

Case 3 - When myself called for immediate concession of bread and shelter to a timorese in peril of life owing to jobless condition the Ministry of Social Security lied to me saying that the case was under consideration but in fact,owing to political reasons,not only any support was granted to this timorese as he was denied to receive the necessary document to emmigrate to another EEC country.According to my sources of political information one of the Minister's aide was racist and challanged myself to dennounce the situation to the United Nations stating: Here in Portugal the Government treats the timorese as it wishes.The timorese have no rights in this country.

Whenever necessary our east timorese human rights organisations may be instructed to defy the portuguese government to prove in Geneve yearly Human Rights Conference how the human rights of east timorese refugees have been"protected"with dozens of condenable actions.

I wish not expose portuguese government to ridiculous international situations but I may call our closed acquaintances and political international human rights relationships to notice that the government of Portugal nothing has been doing to help our refugees in peril of survival.

On 28th March 1993 I decided to implement conditions through the three east timorese political bodies under my command to establish direct,open,brothely and cooperative dialogue with the authorities of Republik Indonesia.

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Also I decided to apply to all traditional aboriginal Liurai/Radja of East Timor to help me as their political President in Klibur Oan Timur Aswain(Sons of the Assembly of Oriental Fighters) to ask and drive their related Peoples to a common mat over which I intend to invite to sit indonesian authorities as brothers and guides in the darkness we were left abandoned by those we have paid hommage to.

Not involved in political parties but strongly motivated to achieve Peace,Order,Harmony and Development,I take the responsibility to call all the People to reintegration within the new honnest and humanist procedure of indonesian authorities towards our own problems.

The People of East Timor shall no more be a permanent motivation to foreign powers and interests aiming to undermine indonesian Establishment through East Timor.

Mr.Secretary General of United Nations:

Indonesia as a State and a Nation is entitled to be respected by all world community because its self history of suffering and heroism under Colonialism places it among all those nations which in the past opened free ways to relief Humankind from opression and prolongued hummiliation.Indonesia can not merit from the international organisations sistematic criticism on East Timor because it was portuguese revolutiionarism supported by international militancy who acted criminaly against my People. The understanding in progress between my People and the authorities of Indonesia are the unique "sine qua non" correct conditions to show the internatinal comunity that through direct dialogue(and not gerilla) we give back peace and welfare to ourselves.

The celebration of our reintegration of free will and in public witnessing is possible and the United Nations shall sponsor the willingness of our People to follow the great Indonesia Nation in routes of prosperity to avoid in Asia neo-ethnic wars like in

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ex-Jugoslavia.
The United Nations must be helped by the parties directly involved in disputes and not asked in growing demands to remediate dramatic situations as in Somalia,Mozambique,Angola,etc.
If we can settle peacefully the question of East Timor between the Representatives of the People of East Timor and the indonesian authorities why should we force United Nations to force us to oppose indonesian help and brotherhood which we instantly ask for?

The role of the UN in total loyalty of behaviour to S.Francisco Conference is undoubtedly to promote Harmony and Fraternity.
The People of East Timor is quite sure and confident that Your Excellency and the distinguished Ministers of Indonesia and Portugal also aprehend that our target is to keep the construtive part of the portuguese civilization in strict alliance and understanding with our fixation in the indonesian world where we belo thousands of years before the heroic portuguese navigators came to share our hospitality and friendship for ever.

We wish to grant to our beloved People of Portugal,their authorities,private entrepreneurs,historical investigators the New World of Asia wherein all of us may return to everlasting conditions good enough to help to develop Portugal as the main door of our capacity to contribute to EEC grandeur.

I trust that this political statement be helpfull to specify clearly what the real People of East Timor in fact expects in benefit of its hope and confidence in the United Nations.

I pray the Almighty to enlight Your Excellencies and protect all those opposed to new forms of world peace disturbance.

Much obliged for your kind and generous understanding.

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